

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A fitting structure for knobs comprising:
a fitting member fitted to a shaft member; and
a knob arranged concentrically with the fitting member and fitted to a front face of the fitting member,
wherein the fitting member has a base, a plurality of arcwise guides protruding forward from the base and provided on a first circle, gaps each provided between adjacent guides, and guide faces each provided at a top of one of the guides and inclined relative to the base,
wherein the knob has a plurality of projections positioned corresponding to the first circle, and
wherein in fitting the knob to the fitting member, when the knob is pressed backward in a state in which the projections are kept in contact with the guide faces: the projections are guided on the guide faces, one of the knob and the fitting member is rotated to enable the projections to approach the base and, after the projections are positioned in the gaps, the gaps retain the projections, and the knob and the fitting member are enabled to be coupled to each other.

11. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the projections of the knob are held between adjacent guides of the fitting member.

12. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the fitting member is provided with through holes bored in the base positioned between the gaps, and wherein the projections of the knob are fitted into the through holes.

13. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the projections of the knob are arranged to form a cross.

14. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the guide faces, inclined in the same direction relative to the base, are formed at the tops of the plurality of guides of the fitting member.

15. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the base of the fitting member has an annular fitting portion on a second circle, wherein the knob has a plurality of hooks corresponding to the second circle, and wherein the hooks of the knob are engaged with the fitting portion of the fitting member to couple the knob and the fitting member to each other.

16. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the knob has a plurality of keep pieces arranged corresponding to a second circle, wherein each of the keep pieces is positioned between hooks of the knob, and wherein each of the keep pieces is kept in contact with the fitting portion of the fitting member.

17. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 15, wherein a position in which the fitting portion of the fitting member is engaged with the hooks of the knob is farther outward in a radial direction than a position in which the projections of the knob are arranged in the gaps.

18. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the base of the fitting member has a front wall and a cylindrical side wall extending backward from a circumference of the front wall, wherein the front wall is provided with the guides protruding forward, wherein the knob has a front wall and a cylindrical side wall extending backward from the circumference of the front wall, wherein the front wall of the knob is fitted with the projections protruding backward in a state of being positioned in the cylindrical side wall of the base, and wherein the side wall of the base is positioned within the side wall of the knob.

19. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, further provided with a rotation drive member of which the shaft member is rotatable, wherein the fitting member is fitted to the shaft member, and wherein the fitting member rotates together with the shaft member when the knob is fitted.

20. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 19, wherein the rotation drive member comprises a motor.

21. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the knob and the fitting member coupled to each other using an engaging means.

22. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 21, wherein engaging means is formed at a different position than the guides.

23. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 21, wherein engaging means is formed at a different position than the projections.

24. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 22, wherein engaging means is formed at a different position than the projections.

25. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 21, wherein engaging means comprises hooks and fitting portions.

26. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the projections are different shapes than the guides.

27. (Previously presented) The fitting structure for knobs according to Claim 10, wherein the number of the projections and the guides are different.

28. (New) A fitting structure for knobs comprising:

a fitting member fitted to a shaft member, the fitting member having a base, arcwise guides protruding forward from the base and provided on a first circle, the guides having top faces, at least one of the top faces inclined relative to

the base, each end of the top faces spaced forward from the base such that gaps are provided between adjacent guides; and

a knob arranged concentrically with the fitting member, the knob having a plurality of projections positioned corresponding to the first circle,

wherein when the knob is pressed backward in a state in which at least one of the projections is kept in contact with at least one of the top faces, the knob and the fitting member are relatively rotated to enable the projections to approach the base, the projections are positioned in the gaps, and the knob and the fitting member are enabled to be fixedly coupled to each other.